3. Administrative expenditure for implementation of the scheme should be borne by the Government of India.

4. The expenditure on crop cutting experiments and other incidental expenditure should be shared between Government of India and State Governments in the ratio 2:1.

5. The sunset arrangements for taking away the benefit of subsidised premium to small and marginal farmers need reconsideration.

(c) The suggestions given by the State Governments would be considered at the time of review of the scheme.

Agro Polyclinics in Maharashtra

1539. MISS. SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Agro-polyclinics are functioning in the State of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Central assistance is being provided for polyclinics;

(d) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Agropolyclinics cum Farmers Training Centres are established by equipping existing State owned farms. Such Centres established so far are 56.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Not Applicable.

(e) Agropolyclinic and Farmers Training Centres are functioning under the State Sector Scheme in Maharashtra.

Vegetable Production in Kerala

1540. SHRI J.CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI C.O.POULOSE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government has submitted a project for increasing vegetable production and attaining self-sufficiency in Kerala which contained two parts namely Part-I—Seed production and area expansion and Part-II—Efficient post-harvest handling and marketing with a total project cost of Rs. 28.63 crores; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's decision thereon?.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal was examined. On the basis of examination the revised proposal submitted by the State Government was for Rs. 368.50 lakhs of which National Horticulture Board (NHB) has to provide Rs. 100 lakhs, as per the guidelines, against which Rs. 9.78 lakh have already been availed by State. The State Government has to furnish financial appraisal note of commercial banks/public sector units to NHB which is mandatory for getting the remaining amount of Rs. 90.22 lakhs.

Millennium study on Indian Fanners

1541. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to launch a millennium study on the state of Indian farmers;

(b) if so, what are the main objectives of launching the study;

(c) whether the study would include the success and failures of the Five Year Plans in the farm sector and problem afflicting the farm sector; and

(d) by when the study is likely to be launched?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) to (c) As part of an ongoing Plan Scheme titled Planning and Management of Indian Agriculture, a proposal is under consideration to conduct a Study on the state of Indian farmers. The Study would seek to assess the impact of policies and programmes undertaken during last 50 years of development planning on conditions of the Indian farmers.

(d) No time frame has been set for the project so far as the matter is under consideration in consultation with other concerned Departments/ Organisations.